

Increased Cost of Living.

The average cost of living has advanced nearly \$20 per capita within less than five years, according to a statistical comparison just issued by Dun's Review. In July, 1897, the average cost of a year's supplies for one person was \$72.45. To-day it is \$101.37. Forty years ago it was \$20 greater, the exact figures, in January, 1860, being \$121.75. The present prices are higher than for many years, or since modern industrial, distributive and agricultural conditions were introduced.

During the period mentioned it has been found that while the price of labor fluctuated greatly the average was \$1.50 a day, or about the rate prevailing to day. This would indicate that the increased cost of living has not been met by an increase in ability to pay it. But to offset this there must be taken into account present steady employment and larger opportunities for advancement. Existing conditions certainly do not bear out the bare statistical statements that the cost of living has so greatly advanced while wages have remained at an average.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Another Bryan "Break."

Mr. Bryan's proposal that the people of the Philippine Islands and the Japanese be excluded from this country is an amazing instance of ignorance or perversity. The Philippine Islands are now as integral a part of the United States as Illinois or Nebraska. Free intercourse with all parts of the country is a constitutional right of Americans. Japanese immigration presents a few features as obnoxious as the Chinese. Japan is conferring benefits upon Western civilization. There is no appreciable competition between Japanese and native American labor. Our friendship with Japan is rendered more necessary than formerly by our acquisition of Oriental territory. Mr. Bryan seems to be losing common political sense.—Chicago Chronicle (Dem.).

Says He Knows It Isn't So.

It is currently reported that the Hon. W. Joel Stone denies the accuracy of the statement sent out from an up-state town to the effect that "the smallest man in Missouri" had died there the day previous. He is credited with saying that he knows that as short a time ago as Saturday last his successor in the gubernatorial chair wasn't dead—physically, at least.

Price Still Elevated.

R. B. Wright, of Mount Leonard, was on the Chicago market Monday with 34 head of cattle that averaged 1,350 pounds. Swift bought the cattle at 8 cents per pound. Mr. Wright also had 31 head that averaged 1,295 pounds; sold to the same parties at \$7.25. These cattle were of Mr. Wright's own feeding.

Missouri Wine for the Missouri.

No French fizz, "extra dry" or otherwise, is to figure in the christening of that coming queen of the navy, the battleship Missouri, when the bottle is smashed, in that interesting ceremony, by Miss Marion Cockrell. Native wine, furnished by a Herman firm from a local vineyard, is to be used.

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Moss Eaten Up Again.

Another victim of the octopus. It is Colonel Moses Wetmore, of St. Louis, who organized a tobacco company some time ago to fight the tobacco trust. He announced, with tremendous emphasis, that he would never surrender to the magnates of monopoly, and he figured conspicuously in the last presidential campaign as a Bryan anti-monopolist who proposed to die in the last ditch rather than yield to the big trust. Now he announces that his establishment has been taken into the combine, and no obituary notice of the colonel accompanies the notification.—Boston Herald.

To Precipitate.

It is painful to read in the Kansas newspapers that Sheriff So and So is going to empty so and so many bottles of beer into such and such a creek on such and such a day. Is there no better destination for the confiscated stock of the joint-keeper? From the points of view of the public health and of temperance, it must be wrong to pollute a stream, and surely the Jamaica ginger drinker might be coaxed from the error of his ways by means of beer. First beer, then water. Reform must be gradual. Besides, beer is good to clean rugs with.—New York Sun.

Dining on Eastwood.

A very delightful dinner was given by Mrs. Samuel Davis Friday at her home on Eastwood to a congenial little party of friends—Mesdames Cary Duncan, of Fisher, Louisiana; Nora Wilson, of Dayton, Ohio; W. L. Redman and Misses Mary and Sue Newton.

Birthday Celebration.

The thirty-second birthday of Mr. S. D. Houx was most pleasantly remembered by a dinner given in honor of the event to the members of the family.



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